

we care that your baby hears!



Congratulations . . . a baby!

We would like to tell you about a program that lets you know if your baby is hearing...your voice, a song, the sounds around him. It is Louisiana's newborn hearing screening program.

What is newborn hearing screening?

Newborn hearing screening is just a quick check to know if a baby is hearing or if more testing is needed.

Hearing screening does not hurt. In fact, most babies sleep through the test.



Why does my baby need a hearing test?

If your baby cannot hear well, he or she may have problems learning to talk. If you find a hearing loss early, your child will have the best chance to learn.

When is hearing screening done?

Hearing screening is done while your baby is in the hospital. The best time to screen is when your baby is quiet and comfortable.

How will I find out about the results?

The results should be explained to you before you leave the hospital.

You and your baby's doctor will receive a copy of the results.

Hearing Screening Results		
	RIGHT	LEFT
Passed	_____	_____
Further testing needed	_____	_____

What if my baby passes the hearing screening?

The screening tells how your baby hears at the time of the test. Sometimes a hearing problem can show up as your baby gets older.

- ▶ Use the **hearing checklist** on the back.
- ▶ Talk with your baby's doctor if you have concerns.

What if I am told that my baby needs more testing?

The hospital will refer you to an **audiologist**, a person trained to do infant hearing testing.

- ▶ **Don't wait!** Take your baby to that appointment!
- ▶ Your baby may not have a hearing loss. More testing must be done to find out for sure.



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